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Peek at Team Canada’s new jersey online?

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OLYMPICS Has Team Canada’s new jersey been leaked?

A photo of a Team Canada uniform, possibly the one scheduled to be unveiled this Monday in Vancouver, was posted by hockey blog icethetics.info on Wednesday.

The jersey differs from Hockey Canada’s traditional sweater in that there is no player skating through the maple leaf. The maple leaf appears to be printed with First Nations art.

A Hockey Canada logo is visible on the right sleeve of the uniform, suggesting that the photo may be of a retail replica version.

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Staying hungry

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Vancouver personal trainer Linda Cusmano at the B.C. Provincial Bodybuilding Championships in New Westminster last month. Cusmano placed second at the event, earning her a spot in the Nationals on Saturday. Story, page 4.

Former NDP candidate on outs at convention

Offer of expenses to delegates miscontrued: Drug reform advocate

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A former federal NDP candidate from B.C. plans to sit across the street from the party’s convention in Halifax Friday morning with a sign that reads: “I was banned from the convention. Ask me why.”

Dana Larsen, a marijuana advocate who ran as an NDP candidate during the 2008 federal election, claims he was escorted from Halifax’s World Trade and Convention Centre Thursday on allegations that he tried to buy delegate votes.

NDP national director Brad Lavigne confirmed Larsen was deregistered as a convention delegate earlier in the week.

“On a series of websites, he’s been providing financial inducements for individuals to vote a certain way,” said Lavigne.

He added “bribes for votes” conflicts with the culture of democracy within the party and could put the NDP at risk under the Income Tax and Elections acts.

Larsen, who resigned as the NDP candidate for West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast in 2008 after a YouTube video surfaced of him driving while on acid and pot, said he never intended to get anyone to change their vote.

He contends that he posted an offer online to help NDP delegates who are already supportive of drug policy reform with their travel and lodging expenses.

Larsen said he paid $2,000 on his credit card to cover some expenses.

He admits that a few of the web postings weren’t as precisely worded as he would have liked, but stressed that nobody was bribed to be there.

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Skeena swimmer near finish

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WATERSHED If all goes according to plan, Ali Howard will become the first person to swim the Skeena River on Saturday, when she’s scheduled to arrive at the waterway’s terminus in Port Edward.

The resort chef and former water polo player embarked on the 28-day, 610-kilometre journey on July 21 to raise awareness of threats to the Skeena watershed from potential industrial projects.

“I’m hoping my swim will launch a community dialogue.”
Ali Howard

“The Skeena is one of North America’s most magnificent rivers,” Howard said. “I’ve come to know the river well during this swim and have seen first-hand the wildlife it supports.”

“I’m hoping my swim will launch a community dialogue that will help to permanently safeguard the watershed from developments that threaten its ecosystem.”

Howard has spent nine hours a day in the water wearing a dry suit and helmet, and was followed by a crew in two kayaks and two rafts.

A community celebration is planned to start at noon in Port Edward to welcome the swimmer.

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Anti-HST petition passes 30,000 signatures: James
The NDP's petition to stop the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) passed the 30,000 mark Thursday, NDP Leader Carole James said. Premier Gordon Campbell plans to implement the HST in July 2010. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Cop on coffee break nabs suspect

An RCMP officer in Chilliwack cut his coffee break short on Thursday after arresting a suspicious driver outside a Tim Hortons. The officer noticed the suspect seemed nervous, and after looking up the plates of his vehicle, he learned it had been stolen from Calgary. A 44-year-old Surrey man was arrested.
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News in brief

INVESTIGATION The house that an eight-month-old baby was recovered from earlier this week is linked to the death of Burnaby businessman Alberto Morgadinho, news1130.com reports. Morgadinho, 60, died in July while trying to stop a robbery when he clung to the suspect's moving van and fell off. Mounties said the van was located at the same residence.

SEX TRADE The Mobile Access Project van used to help sex-trade workers in the Downtown Eastside will be back in September, cknw.com reports.

MISSING Vancouver police are asking for help finding Luka Erceg, 28, who hasn't been seen since Aug. 10, when he left his family home near Oak Street and 22nd Avenue. Anyone with information is asked to call police.

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Gang violence down

Project Rebellion making dent in crimes

DANIEL TAM
for Metro Vancouver

Gang violence incidents have decreased after the recent arrests of two men affiliated with a known crime group, Vancouver police said Thursday.

Amandeep Manj and Christopher Barr, who police allege are members of the Manj group, were charged with a total of 31 counts — most of which are firearms-related.

Deputy Chief Const. Doug LePard said the work of Project Rebellion, which targets the most violent gang members in the city, has reduced the number of gang-related incidents in Vancouver.

"If you're a violent gangster in Vancouver, you are going to be targeted."
Insp. Mike Porteous, Vancouver police

"We made a big dent into the Manj group," said Insp. Mike Porteous. "We will continue to target these criminals, and I expect that we will be before you in the near future to tell you of more successes."

Project Rebellion has also seen a decrease in shootings after the arrest of the entire Sanghera group, rivals of the Manj group, earlier this year.

Porteous said shooting incidents involving the Sanghera group went from approximately 50 over the last three years to zero.

However, LePard said they will not be content with their recent success and gang violence remains a "plague on our city."

"If you're a violent gangster in Vancouver, you are going to be targeted," said Porteous.

Suspect arrested after women assaulted

KARL YU
for Metro Vancouver

DOWNTOWN Vancouver police have apprehended a man suspected of assaulting a number of women in the downtown area.

An image of the suspect was released early Thursday and he was picked up after allegedly committing an assault on the 1100 block of Davie Street before noon.

"A city worker saw a man aggressively panhandling and it was disturbing because he was reaching out and grabbing people," said Vancouver police spokesperson Const. Jana McGuinness.

PHOTO COURTESY VPD

Vancouver police released this image of a man believed to be connected with a series of assaults in the downtown core.

"He called police right away, our members arrived, and they recognized the man and made a connection to the man in the photo and arrested him."

The man might also be connected to a pair of assaults that took place near SkyTrain stations.

Sgt. Tom Seaman of the Transit police said the situation is still under investigation, but they believe that the suspect is connected to those attacks.

Early Thursday, Vancouver police warned the public that a man was approaching women between the ages of 24-40, asking for some kind of assistance. Some of the incidents turned violent with verbal abuse, while other instances involved physical abuse.

Dance **Indian independence**

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Ashleigh Nazareth, 12, performs a classical Indian dance at Salam Bombay restaurant in Vancouver on Thursday. The eatery will be hosting a celebration on Friday, recognizing India's Independence Day on Saturday.

Man shot in leg on city's West Side

CRIME Vancouver police are investigating a shooting that occurred Wednesday night in a Vancouver West Side neighbourhood, which resulted in a man being shot in the leg.

A 33-year-old man was taken to hospital and is recovering from non-life-threatening injuries.

The incident happened at 9:15 p.m. at the intersection of Oak Street and 20th Avenue.

Police do not believe that the shooting was random. However, Const. Jana McGuinness said the motive for the shooting is unclear.

Investigators have spoken to six people in the vicinity of the incident, and are asking anyone who may not have spoken to police to contact them.

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Building up to contest

Linda Cusmano about to put hard work to test

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Linda Cusmano shows off the body that won her a spot at the 2009 National Figure and Fitness Championships. The competition takes place in New Westminster on Saturday.

The first thing Linda Cusmano plans to do after competing in the National Fitness and Figure body building competition on Saturday is to go to Dairy Queen.

Cusmano, a fitness instructor and body builder, is on a strict diet to keep her body at six per cent body fat, and said she's going to feel like a prisoner getting out of jail after the competition ends.

"Being Italian, food is a big deal," said Cusmano, who hasn't had carbs or sweets in months. "I'm overworked, over-trained and I'm aching. I'm done."

In June, Cusmano competed in the B.C. provincial body building competition, where she placed second.

On Saturday, she'll be up against competitors from across Canada for the national competition at the Massey Theatre in New Westminster.

"Every time I feel sorry for myself I realize the other girls are going through it, too, and they're going to try to edge you out," Cusmano said. "They're hungry — they want what I want."

Police identify body found in trunk

DEATH Police have identified the body of a woman found in the trunk of a car last month as that of 33-year-old Hong Wei Yin.

The Burnaby masseuse was last seen leaving her Metrotown apartment on July 12, and was reported missing when she failed to board a flight to visit family in China.

Her car was found abandoned in the alley of a South Vancouver industrial park on July 29.

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Deepak and Kavita Razdan with Deepali and Deepanshi
NEW IMMIGRANTS, SCOTIABANK CUSTOMERS

Deepak Razdan describes himself as a happy *Scotiabank StartRight*™ program customer. He met Pankaj Mehra, Director, India and South Asia Markets, in Delhi (India) at a Scotiabank seminar and stayed in touch with him through the process of moving to Canada.

"I opened my account with Scotiabank while still in India. I landed in Toronto, and asked my friend to drive me to the Scotiabank branch in Brampton. Within a few minutes my account was operational and I had my cheque book and credit card."

New program helps newcomers make a hassle-free start

Recently, Scotiabank conducted a series of seminars in a number of countries to help potential new immigrants get familiarized with banking, and if required, help them apply for a banking account and credit card with Scotiabank in Canada. "I'd heard how important it was to get a credit card to establish my credit history and also that some people find it difficult to get one – but I had no such problem thanks to the *Scotiabank StartRight Program*" says Deepak.

Deepak's wife Kavita was delighted to find that the program entitled them to a small safety deposit box, free for one year[1]. "Scotiabank lived up to our expectations and beyond," says Deepak, who now recommends the program to his friends – those who are in the process of immigrating as well as those who are already here.

Starting right with a little help from friends

Deepak, who was a senior editor at a medical transcription company in India, immigrated in January 2009. He and his wife Kavita, who ran a catering business, chose Canada for a better life and the options it offered their daughters for higher education.

Friends in Canada helped him feel at home from day one, dispelling concerns Kavita may have had about how her husband would fare in a new country. She stayed back in Delhi for their daughter Deepali to finish her grade 10 exam, and joined him six months later. "I missed her and my daughters terribly and looked forward to their arrival. Each night I'd cross another day on the calendar. Kavita knew I was with friends, she was confident on that count" recollects Deepak.

A friend was instrumental in Deepak landing a job within a month of arriving in Canada. "He needed someone to join him and I had a job" he marvels. "Another friend told me I had to get my driving licence and dropped me at the test centre. My friends have been a great support network" he acknowledges. It is with these good friends that Deepak is sharing his Scotiabank experience.

As the Razdans were settling down, they celebrated the Canada Day weekend at the most Canadian of attractions, the Niagara Falls.

An employee speaks of her experience as a newcomer

Harleen Mahindru was familiar with Scotiabank's Welcome to Canada mortgage even before she joined the bank. She moved to Canada from New Delhi, India, in 2003 with her parents and two younger brothers. "When my parents were ready to purchase a home, they went to Scotiabank," she says.

Harleen, who is now employed as a personal banking officer at Scotiabank's branch in Vaughan, points out the advantages of the Welcome to Canada mortgage program and other features that the bank offers new immigrants. "Newcomers who have saved for a down payment could find it relatively easier to secure a mortgage with Scotiabank" she elaborates.

After doing her BBA from University of Toronto and a Mutual Funds course, Harleen joined Scotiabank in January 2008. She has never felt that her ethnicity or gender were a barrier to success.

"Scotiabank rewards enterprise and hard work," says Rania Llewellyn, Vice-President, Multicultural Banking at Scotiabank. "Scotiabank is a great supporter of diversity in the workplace and the male-female ratio is almost evenly balanced. The opportunities I have got for career growth at Scotiabank are phenomenal."

As a relative newcomer to the country, Harleen knows what it can be like to start fresh. "When I first opened an account at another bank, they wouldn't give me a credit card until I had built up a credit history. But how does one build a credit history without credit? It was a vicious circle. I was able to get a credit card only after being able to show one year of part-time work at a grocery store" she recalls. "Now, under the *Scotiabank StartRight*™ program, new immigrants are eligible to apply for a credit card[2] and can start building a credit history right away." adds Harleen.

Scotiabank launches a new branch locator

A client brought his parents and siblings to Scotiabank. Sensing that they would be more comfortable speaking in their native language, Harleen spoke to them in Hindi.

"At Scotiabank, we realize the importance of building a workforce that truly reflects the communities we serve" says Rania Llewellyn, The bank embraces diversity in all its facets, and its culture is based on community and teamwork. "We participate in many programs that provide career opportunities to new immigrants", she adds.

Scotiabank branches have staff that speak in many different languages. "In fact, our website (www.scotiabank.com/branchlocator) features a branch locator option to allow customers to locate a branch with staff that speak the language of their choice" adds Rania.

HARLEEN MAHINDRU
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About 35,000 homes in North and West Vancouver had power by 4 p.m. Thursday after a 9 a.m. storm knocked it out, says CBC News Online. METRO VANCOUVER

Medical association offers proposals to lessen burden of depression

HEALTH More collaboration between the business community, government and providers is key to lessening the burden of depression, according to the B.C. Medical Association (BCMA).

The BCMA recently released a paper proposing ways to address problems facing those suffering from depression.

Entitled Stepping out of the Shadows: Collaborating to Improve Services for Patients with Depression, it makes 14 recommendations to rectify access, issues and funding.

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News in brief

SENTENCE A 28-year-old man has been sentenced to two years in jail for robbing and threatening a SkyTrain passenger in April. Johnny Awasis robbed a 22-year-old man and pushed him against the train doors.

BLAZE RCMP believe a fire at a large apartment complex in Chilliwack Thursday was due to arson. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Show & Shine Custom chops

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Dave (Smitty) Smith with his 2009 custom chopper at Stanley Park on Wednesday. Smith's shop, Azzkikr Custom Motorcyles, is entering the $60,000 bike in a competition at the Gastown Motorcycle Show & Shine on Sunday.

Weekend to End Breast Cancer widens options

Thousands will take to the streets on Saturday and Sunday to raise funds for cancer research in the 2009 Weekend to End Breast Cancer.

While breast cancer research is always the primary focus of the two-day, 60-kilometre walk, this year's event will offer a little more diversity as well.

"Walkers can choose to raise funds for other women's cancers, primarily gynecological cancers like cervical cancer or ovarian cancer," said Nick Locke, senior VP of development at the B.C. Cancer Agency.

Locke also said participants could walk on both days or just one.

Walker Krystyna Hunter said, "I know this sounds really cliché but I really feel that by doing this walk, I'm going to make a difference"

The event starts Saturday at the Rocky Mountaineer Station at 369 Terminal Ave.

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United Church rejects boycott of Israel
The United Church of Canada voted down resolutions from its members that would have seen a national boycott of Israel. The move was applauded by the Canadian Jewish Congress. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Tainted drugs on B.C. streets

Health officials say dozens of drug users have been hospitalized since December because of tainted cocaine being sold on the streets, CBC News Online reports. Tests show the cocaine is being cut with Levamisole, a drug used to de-worm livestock. The drug has also served to treat colon cancer, but is no longer used on humans because of side-effects. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Harper blasts protectionism

PM says 'Buy American' policy sets a bad example

Canada and the United States must make progress in dealing with the "Buy American" component of the $787-billion U.S. economic stimulus package, because letting it stand would send the message that protectionism is acceptable, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday.

Harper, pressured by Canadian companies that say the measure is unfair and shuts them out of lucrative U.S. markets, raised the matter with U.S. President Barack Obama at a meeting in Mexico this week.

"At a time when we're trying to fight protectionism globally, I think it's essential that we move forward on this and send a positive message to the world."
Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Obama was less exercised about the matter and said the policy had not endangered the huge overall Canada-U.S. trade relationship.

"It's very important that Canada and the United States … at a time when we're trying to fight protectionism globally, I think it essential that we move forward on this and send a positive message to the world," Harper told a televised news conference in Kitchener, Ont.

"Because we are seeing the expansion of these domestic preferences around the world … these things, if they multiply around the world, could become extremely problematic in terms of recovery," he said.

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Sport fishermen troll for salmon Thursday. Millions of sockeye salmon have disappeared mysteriously from the Fraser River.

Millions of salmon vanish

FRASER RIVER Millions of sockeye salmon have disappeared mysteriously from the Fraser River, what that was once known as the world's most fertile spawning ground for sockeye.

Up to 10.6 million bright-red sockeye salmon were expected to return to spawn this summer in the river.

However, the latest estimates say fewer than one million have returned.

The Federal government has since closed the Fraser to commercial and recreational sockeye fishing for the third straight year, hitting the livelihood of nearby Native reserves.

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News in brief

ISOTOPES Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. has hit more problems with an aging nuclear reactor that produces a third of the world's medical isotope supply and it now says it will not be up and running again until early 2010. The announcement — made after markets closed Wednesday — prompted an angry reaction from the Canadian government, which critics say has hopelessly bungled the affair. The Chalk River reactor in eastern Ontario was taken out of service in May after it was discovered to be leaking a small amount of heavy water.

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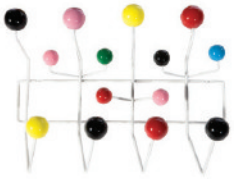
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Governments investing in censorship technology

Governments in the Middle East and North Africa are investing in censorship tools as they expand media infrastructure, CBC News Online reports. The OpenNet Initiative, a partnership of the University of Toronto, Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge, found 14 of 18 countries surveyed used filtering technology. METRO NEWS SERVICES

World

Clinton backs Liberian president

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton gave firm support in Liberia to Africa's only woman president, a corruption fighter who has come under fire at home. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, left, is trying to rebuild Liberia after a 1989-2003 civil war in the West African country founded by freed former American slaves in the 19th century. "We think that Liberia is on the right track, as difficult as the path might be," Clinton said Thursday. REUTERS

Strategist writing what he knows?

Close to Zero is the tale of a Russian publisher operating in a murky political system featuring paid-off media, corrupt officials, dubious politicians and law enforcement agencies on the take.

The short novel was published last month and passed unnoticed until Thursday, when a newspaper reported its author was none other than the Kremlin's chief political strategist Vladislav Surkov, writing under a pseudonym.

Surkov, a shadowy figure who rarely speaks in public, wields immense influence.

His role as deputy head of the Kremlin administration for the past 10 years under both Vladimir Putin and Dmitry Medvedev puts him at the centre of political power. The events portrayed are everyday fare in Russia, where local media sometimes take money in return for favourable coverage and those in power believe they can bribe or bully their way to victory in almost any situation.

A source at the Russky Pioner magazine, which published the novella, confirmed the story was Surkov's work.

"Yes, it was him," the source said on condition of anonymity. The Kremlin denied Surkov had authored the novel.

"He definitely didn't write it," said a spokesman.

But reports pointed out the pseudonym used — Natan Dubovitsky — is almost identical to the name of Surkov's second wife, Natalya Dubovitskaya.

The author of Russia's doctrine of sovereign democracy, which touts a strong, organized state at the centre of the political machine guarding against chaos and foreign meddling, Surkov often rails against Western "lies" in portraying Russia. REUTERS

Chile **Native protest**

VICTOR RUIZ CABALLERO/REUTERS

A member of the Mapuches Indians Movement is arrested during a rally in Santiago Thursday. The rally protested the death of a Mapuche Indian who was shot during clashes with the police over territorial development in southern Chile.

UN speaks out on torture in Iran

IranCrisis

"Primarily they are allegations of beatings, electric shock, physical and psychological pressure primarily aimed at extracting confessions."
Manfred Nowak,
UN special rapporteur on torture

RIGHTS UN human rights experts said Thursday hundreds of Iranians accused of taking part in post-election protests have been tortured to obtain confessions, according to detainees and people close to them.

Any evidence extracted by mistreatment should not be admitted at their trials, as it would violate international law, the United Nations investigators said.

Iran has charged dozens of people with spying and aiding a Western plot to overthrow its system of clerical rule after June's presidential election.

"The trials seem to be show trials … I'm afraid people will be convicted on the basis of forced confessions," Manfred Nowak, UN special rapporteur on torture, told Reuters.

Nowak said he had brought more than 300 cases of alleged ill treatment to the attention of Iranian authorities.

"Primarily they are allegations of beatings, electric shock, physical and psychological pressure primarily aimed at extracting confessions about anti-government behaviour," the Austrian law professor said in a telephone interview.

Iranian authorities have acknowledged some protesters were tortured at Kahrizak detention centre, where many of those arrested were taken, and said its director had been jailed. At least three people died in custody there. REUTERS

Americans seek care in Mexico

HEALTH CARE Retired police officer Bob Ritz has health insurance that covers his medical and dental care in the U.S. But every few months he drives from his home in Arizona to Mexico to avoid the health-care costs that aren't paid for by insurance.

"I pay $400 a month for my health insurance, and it's still cheaper to come to Mexico," said Ritz, 60.

U.S. President Barack Obama is locked in a bitter fight to overhaul health care, as Republican critics charge that Democrats are seeking a government takeover that will drive up the budget deficit.

With Washington bickering over reform, many Americans like Ritz simply head to Mexico. A recent study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research estimated that nearly one million people from California alone seek medical, dental or prescription services in Mexico each year.

"The very wealthy can afford whatever they want, the very poor get it through aid, but the middle class have to struggle to pay insurance," said Ritz.

"I'm very lucky to live near enough to Mexico." REUTERS

1,000,000
Estimated number of Californians alone who travel to Mexico each year for medical/dental needs.

News in brief

LOCKERBIE Families of victims of the 1988 Lockerbie bombing stood sharply divided Thursday over reports that the former Libyan agent jailed for life for the attack is to be freed on compassionate grounds. Abdel Basset al-Megrahi, 57, is dying of prostate cancer and could be released from a Scottish jail as early as next week, media reports said. A Scottish government spokeswoman said no decision had been made. Megrahi was found guilty of blowing up a Pan Am Boeing 747 over the Scottish town of Lockerbie as it flew from London to New York. He was sentenced to 27 years in prison. The bomb killed all 259 people on board, including 189 Americans, and 11 people on the ground. REUTERS

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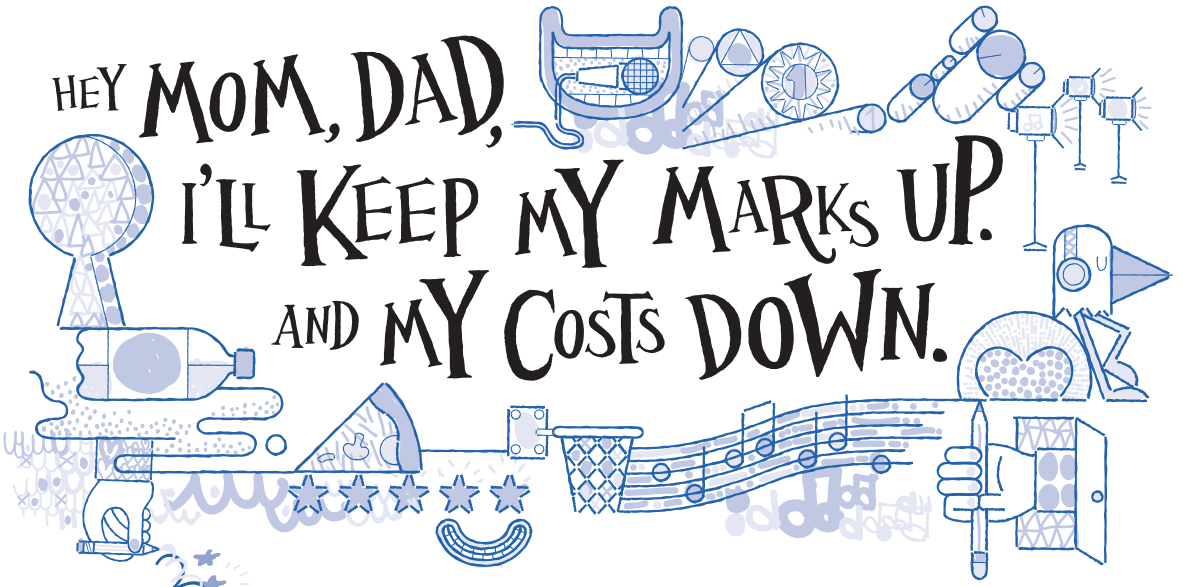

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Comment

When a girlfriend becomes a boyfriend

ModernLife

When Chastity Bono, now Chaz, announced several weeks ago, he'd be transitioning to male from female, I immediately wondered how his girlfriend would take it. That's because Chaz's sex change means his girlfriend, who previously had a girlfriend, now has a boyfriend. Come to think of it, Chaz's sex change will now make him a heterosexual male. The physical changes are just the beginning when a person changes gender. It's what follows that can get complicated.

Changing sexes may be the beginning of a new life for one-half of a couple, but for the other half, it means switching sexual preferences if the relationship is going to continue. While some people are bisexual, most prefer one sex over the other, which is why changing your sexual preference to save a relationship is pretty difficult. In fact, many people can't.

When "Rachel" transitioned to female from male several years ago, she lost the woman she'd loved for the past 33 years. Says Rachel, "My wife was my best friend for such a long time, but she wasn't a lesbian and couldn't change her sexuality."

"Kimberley" would prefer to transition to female from male, but hasn't because she doesn't want to end her 34-year marriage. She feels great anxiety staying in a male body, but knows she'd lose her wife. Kimberley explains, "My wife can't see past a person's sexual identity."

If heterosexuals feel odd having their sexual preferences challenged, gay people have the same difficulty. Kimberley's support group often encounters the issue. "Many trans-men identify as lesbians before realizing they're male but their partners don't want a heterosexual relationship."

Ironically, both Rachel and Kimberley prefer women, which they always have, but by changing sexes, they're now lesbians, although their actual sexual preferences haven't changed. Says Rachel, "I've always liked women."

Rachel says she's seen some couples survive a transition. "I know two couples who have stayed together — one isn't intimate and I'm not sure about the other." In certain cases people are gender blind. One lesbian tells me she'd love her partner as a man or a woman, but when I ask her why she doesn't date men, she can't answer.

As Lysander in Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream lamented, "The course of true love never did run smooth."

Little did he know how complicated the course of true love was about to become.

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Views

CHEK employees trying new channels

UrbanCompass

It's hard to see a TV station in the same light as a pulp mill, but for the people at CHEK-TV, the similarities are all too real.

We all get CHEK on cable, at least until Aug. 31, when CanWest Global is poised to close it down as part of its desperate quest to survive.

Victoria's CHEK was B.C.'s first TV station when it went on the air in December 1956. And like the pulp and saw mills that for so many years formed the basis of Vancouver Island's economy, CHEK has become out-moded.

But its 45 employees aren't giving up without a fight. Like the workers at the Harmac pulp mill in Nanaimo, they're trying to put together enough of their own money and local investment to keep CHEK chugging.

They have pooled $500,000 and are now trying to persuade the people who used to be their advertisers to kick in the other 75 per cent of the ownership. They say they have a plan to make money by year three. I'm not sure what beans they're counting, but according to CanWest, CHEK hasn't made money since the company bought it in 2000.

Even if they do raise enough, it will be interesting to see if CanWest will just go along with a competitive station beaming into the crowded Vancouver market, or if the CRTC will grant the station a new licence. But you gotta admire their chutzpah.

If they succeed in wresting their destiny from the clutches of CanWest, it will be interesting to see what the employees put on the air. The current edition is kind of a clone of the BCTV model in Vancouver, full of comfortable-looking people sitting at a desk and beaming stiffly as they present the news from Victoria, even though "news" and "Victoria" may strike you as a contradiction in terms.

Victoria is world famous as a tourist destination precisely because it's nice, quiet and clean, and I'm not sure there's enough going on to drive a local TV channel, never mind the two — CHEK and A Channel — now offering essentially the same product. You can't blame the folks for trying ... but:

If you've worked in TV news, (I spent eight years labouring in the electronic vineyard) you know how absurdly expensive it is to produce. If you want to do a live hit on radio, you press the speed-dial button on your cellphone; TV requires a freaking satellite truck. Industrial production costs just don't cut it in the 24/7 world of 2009.

Marshall McLuhan, who saw TV as the medium of the global village, would be fascinated to watch it fade to black. How long before his "Medium Cool" gets rigor mortis?

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Microsoft prices new Zune player below iPod

Microsoft Corp. put its new Zune HD digital music and video player on sale Thursday, pricing it below comparable Apple iPod devices. The devices are priced at $219.99 for the 16 gigabyte version and $289.99 for the 32 gigabyte version. REUTERS

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New deals may grow Jackson estate by $200M

MUSIC Album sales, a movie deal and other projects could boost Michael Jackson's estate by $200 million (all figures US) before the end of this year, the Los Angeles Times reported Thursday.

Michael Jackson

The estate is expected to generate at least $50 million in annual revenue, said John Branca, one of the executors of Jackson's estate.

Jackson's album sales have surged following his death in June and the singer has dozens of unreleased songs, some of which executors believe could be released. REUTERS

Canada set for rankings jump

Economic forecasts see country nab 5th in '10 index

Canada is expected to move up in global economic rankings in 2009 and 2010 as the recession lingers in other countries, buoyed by a stable bank sector and lower unemployment, a study showed Thursday.

After ranking 11th of 17 developed countries in the Conference Board of Canada's 2008 report card, Canada is expected to vault to fifth place in 2010, based on economic forecasts completed by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Conference Board said.

Using the OECD's forecasts for growth, unemployment and other economic factors over the next two years, the board found that Canada was poised to come out of the global recession ahead of many peers, pushing it up the rankings for international economic performance.

Top, bottom spots

• Despite substantial movement among the 27 countries, the top and bottom positions are not expected to change between 2008 and 2010. Norway and Ireland are forecast to remain first and 17th on the list, respectively.

Belgium and the United States were also expected to move up, while Britain, the Netherlands and Switzerland are expected to fall, it said.

"Canada is expected to weather the global recession better than most of its peers, which is a credit to its stable financial sector and a relatively healthier economic position upon entering the downturn," said Conference Board chief economist Glen Hodgson. REUTERS

Business in brief

AUTO Magna and its Russian partner Sberbank have reached a deal in principle with General Motors over a contract to buy 55 per cent of Opel, Magna's co-CEO Siegfried Wolf said Thursday. The boards of directors of GM and Magna still need to approve a deal before trustees who control 65 per cent of Opel and its British brand Vauxhall could give their final consent, Wolf said.

RETAIL Wal-Mart Stores Inc. posted better-than-expected quarterly earnings Thursday as a clampdown on inventory offset falling sales. The company, now dubbing itself "Walmart," forecast a full-year profit that could beat Wall Street estimates, sending its shares up 1.7 per cent. REUTERS

Canadian Tire sees profits rise despite slow spring sales

RETAIL Canadian Tire Corp. reported a higher quarterly profit Thursday despite a drop in sales as it benefited from improved gross margins and lower expenses. The sales drop was a result of the recession and a cold, and wet spring that kept consumers from buying outdoor goods. It said it earned $103.7 million in its second quarter, up from $97.7 million in the same period a year earlier. REUTERS

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United Soccer Leagues for sale

Chris Economides, senior manager of the United Soccer Leagues, told Radio-Canada this week that Nike, the league's primary owner, has been seeking a buyer for more than a month. Joey Saputo, owner of the Montreal Impact, later confirmed the for-sale status to the station. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Vick lands with Eagles

Michael Vick, left, is back in the NFL, signing a two-year contract with the Philadelphia Eagles. Vick, once the NFL's highest-paid player, has not played since 2006. The former Atlanta Falcons quarterback was convicted in August 2007 of conspiracy and running a dogfighting operation, and served 18 months of a 23-month sentence in U.S. federal prison. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Off to a strong start

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Canada's women's K-4 500-metre team of Genevieve Orton, from left, Emilie Fournel, Kristin Gauthier and Mylanie Barre paddle for the finish line in Thursday's heat at the world sprint canoe/kayak championships. The team advanced directly to Saturday morning's final.

Adam van Koeverden didn't miss a beat Thursday in his first kayak race since breaking his ankle in June.

The three-time Olympic medallist set the pace in the K-1 500- and 1,000-metre heats on the opening day at the world sprint canoe-kayak championships on Lake Banook in Dartmouth, N.S., winning each event comfortably.

Van Koeverden, an Oakville native who broke his ankle while whitewater rafting in the Grand Canyon, moved on to Friday's semifinals.

"My ankle's fine and it's not posing any difficulty or hurting at all in the boat," he said. "I was concerned with the strength in my leg because I was on crutches for a few weeks, not using my quadriceps … But it turns out walking around (with your leg raised) keeps it strong, too. It feels fine."

Two crews earned byes to finals: Canada's K-4 500 team, featuring Ottawa's Kristin Gauthier; and the K-2 1,000, featuring Victoria Tuttle of Carleton Place, Ont.

Mark Oldershaw of Burlington also highlighted the day with wins in his C-1 500 and 1,000 heats.

None of the Canadian crews were eliminated. The semifinals are Friday; finals are Saturday and Sunday.

"We're very optimistic and we have every reason to be," van Koeverden said.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Soccer stud all 'hands', big 'kicker'

Global football icon Onion Baggy is known to be masterful with his feet, but it's his "hands" that impressed Pacific Hold'em expert Cynthia, who dealt the ball juggling bachelor several of them at PlayNow.com. "There's so many layers to Baggy's game, his sweet moves made me weep," cried Cynthia, "And when there was a tie, he always had the bigger 'kicker'. I'd say there's 'No Limit' to his card playing potential." Gooooooooal.

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Lions look to pounce on struggling Argonauts

CFL PREVIEW

B.C. at Toronto

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The Lions head into Toronto to face the Argonauts for the first time this year. Both teams sit at 2-4 on the year, but the Lions are coming off a win, while the Argonauts are coming off a 25-0 loss at the hands of Montreal.

STRONG START B.C. will be looking to use the momentum they got from their win last week to keep the ball rolling against the struggling Argonauts.

LOOKING FOR OFFENCE After suffering an embarrassing shut-out loss last week, Argos head coach Bart Andrus has decided to start back-up QB Cody Pickett in favour of veteran Kerry Joseph.

NO PROTECTION The Argos offensive line, which includes former Lion, LT Rob Murphy has allowed a league high 26 sacks this year. Look for the Lions to try and get to Pickett to get him off his game right off the bat. DANIEL HENDRIKSEN /FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Woods takes early lead at Hazeltine

GOLF The ominous figure of four-times winner Tiger Woods seized control of the U.S. PGA Championship on Thursday, firing a flawless five-under-par 67 to charge one stroke clear in the opening round at Hazeltine in Chaska, Minn.

Woods, in pursuit of his 15th major victory but first this year, birdied three of his last eight holes to finish a stroke in front of playing partner and defending champion Padraig Harrington.

Vijay Singh, David Toms, Hunter Mahan, Robert Allenby, Mathew Goggin and Alvaro Quiros were all on 69.

Canadians Mike Weir and Stephen Ames were tied for 69th. REUTERS

Sports in brief

TENNIS Former world No. 1 Monica Seles will be inducted into the Rogers Cup Hall of Fame next week in Toronto, a fitting honour for the only player in the modern era to win four straight Canadian titles.

NFL Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte' Stallworth was suspended without pay for the season Thursday after pleading guilty to DUI manslaughter in June. He will be reinstated after the Super Bowl. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Restore some faith

Rules should be reinforced to make sport pure again

It's time for sport to turn the page on the dark times. The moment is at hand for a renaissance and a return to basics.

Let's give the people who run sport an arbitrary date — make it Jan. 1, 2010 — to get their collective houses in order. By then make it mandatory to identify the rules of fair play, standardize equipment and ban outright the use of performance enhancing drugs.

Then, once everything is clear and everyone knows the score, let's start the record books anew and make it plain that while there were great athletes in the past capable of accomplishing remarkable things, we are entering an age of enlightenment.

Make it a blank sheet — a brand new start — and let's believe in sport again.

Reading that the magnificent Hank Aaron is willing to allow drug cheats into baseball's Hall of Fame and their home run records to stand as long as there is an asterisk on the accompanying plaque is a sad commentary on where sport has gone.

Hank Aaron

So is that fact that more than 40 world records fell at the recent swimming championships in Rome because athletes en masse decided to wear flotation devices that allowed them to shatter hard won standards.

Enough already.

The golden age of the amateur is long gone, but that doesn't mean we should allow sport to be hijacked by scientists and shady characters whose sole purpose in life is to turn the athletic pursuit into a seedy business venture. Instead of beating the odds, the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat, we've got a bunch of hucksters eager to beef up the bottom line while the consumers pay the price.

Sport deserves better than that.

Only by allowing the record books to be completely rewritten will we understand what we love about sport in the first place. Lasting champions do what they do because they display more talent, have a greater drive or a stronger will to win.

Let's not read about asterisks in convoluted statistical recitations of who did what with the help of which steroid or polyurethane body suit. Let's instead stage a revolution and make sport pure.

Only by beginning again will the record books tell the real story of sport.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Federer completes top eight party

TENNIS Roger Federer beat Olympic doubles partner Stanislas Wawrinka 6-3 7-6 at the Rogers Cup in Montreal on Thursday, ensuring the world's top eight players will compete in the quarter-finals of an ATP event for the first time.

Of all the tournaments staged since ATP rankings began in 1973, Montreal marks the first that the world's top eight have fought their way to the quarter-finals of the same event.

Friday's high quality lineup will include players from eight different countries, four past champions and four grand slam winners. Among them, only American world No. 5 Andy Roddick has not claimed multiple titles this season.

"It's actually a little bit easier here because the top eight had a bye, but at the same time it's not just the top eight seeds it's the top eight ranked players in the world," Federer told reporters. "It's definitely a special occasion.

Joining Federer and Roddick are Rafael Nadal,Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic, Juan Martin Del Potro, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Nikolai Davydenko. REUTERS

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War's new faces

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"This is very much not Schindler's List. I think anyone that sees Brad Pitt with that mustache knows this is not Schindler's List," says B.J. Novak, a writer/producer/actor who suits up as one of the Inglourious Basterds in Quentin Tarantino's war film.

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Life with the Basterds

Big guns and Tarantino: B.J. Novak relives his Inglourious days

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

This summer, the big screen has played host to several cast members of NBC's The Office, including John Krasinski (Away We Go), Ed Helms (The Hangover) and Oscar Nunez (The Proposal). But for B.J. Novak, who also serves as a writer and producer on the hit series, getting time off to make Inglourious Basterds was a little bit trickier.

"It's especially hard for me because the writers don't really have any hiatus at all," Novak explains. "It's hard enough for the actors. But the writers only get a couple weeks a year off. Unless you can really cash in all your chips and favours, like I did with this movie."

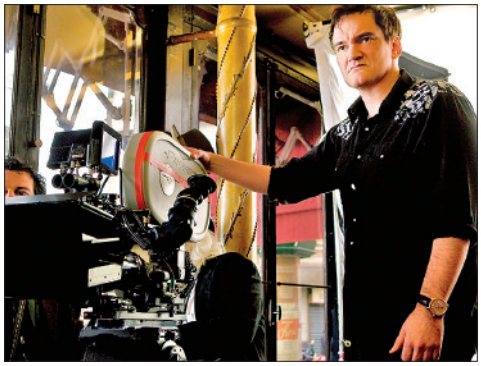
But for Novak, calling in those favours was completely worth it, as the opportunity to take part in a Quentin Tarantino film was just too good to pass up.

"He's always been one of the five people I would invite to that fabled dinner," Novak says. And while on location in Europe, the director did not disappoint.

"We would be out until four or five in the morning in Berlin, eating, drinking, talking about movies — or in my case listening about movies. But at some point, I was like, 'Dude I have to get to sleep,' you know?"

Getting to watch one of his role models in action was an invaluable experience. "It was a bit of a reminder of what made me want to be a writer in the first place, which was watching Pulp Fiction at 14," Novak says.

Inglourious Basterds opens in theatres next week


Director Quentin Tarantino on the set of Inglourious Basterds.

"On set, I always felt Tarantino the filmmaker was trying to outsmart Tarantino the film fan. He was playing chess against his young self sitting in a movie theatre wondering what was going to happen next."

As one of the titular Basterds, Novak had to suit up as part of a covert team of Jewish American soldiers led by Brad Pitt setting out to kill Nazis, which meant taking on the type of weapons training not necessarily offered to the staff of Dunder-Mifflin.

"I'd certainly never fired a machine gun before, and I'd certainly never scalped a Nazi before," Novak explains.

Needless to say, it's not the type of Second World War film audiences are probably familiar with.

"There's an awful lot of holocaust movies. There's an awful lot of horror-of-war movies. Some are brilliant, and some are pretentious and crappy — and they win awards anyway," Novak says. "This is very much not Schindler's List. I think anyone that sees Brad Pitt with that mustache knows this is not Schindler's List."

Movie **feature**

Quentin's cut

• Quentin Tarantino isn't afraid of long movies. After all, his last major project — before 2007's Grindhouse project with Robert Rodriguez — was the epic Kill Bill, which had to be split into two films, each quite lengthy in their own right. "Every movie is different, every filmmaker is different," Tarantino says. But he had to know that when his Second World War fantasy Inglourious Basterds, came out, people would be eyeballing the running time. In fact, since its debut at the Cannes Film Festival earlier this year, the director took another stab at trimming it — and the movie ended up one minute longer. "It's a minute longer than the Cannes cut, but it feels 20 minutes shorter," he insists.

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Bandslam no rocker

Bandslam

Director: Todd Graff
Stars: Alyson Michalka, Vanessa Hudgens, Gaelen Connell
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Vanessa Hudgens stars in Bandslam.

REVIEW Is it possible to make a movie about outsiders struggling to find a unique voice that also doubles as bubblegum pop for the masses? Well no, but that's exactly what writer/director Todd Graff tries to pull off with Bandslam anyways.

There's an idea with potential at the heart of Bandslam (which is presumably how the project started), but it's quickly lost behind glossy excess and generic screenwriting-by-numbers. The filmmakers seem to desperately want to teach kids about obscure and interesting music despite the fact that Bandslam is a prime example the factory-produced culture marketed to teens that the movie's protagonists would hate.

Perpetually awkward Gaelan Connell stars as a high school reject and music obsessive who joins a new school that gives the local battle of the bands the same social importance as football.

He soon meets Disney Channel sweetheart Alyson Michalka, who convinces him to use his extensive musical knowledge to create a band of substance that will topple the high school hierarchy. It's not a terrible idea for a high school comedy and had it starred actual teens who look like social misfits, it could have been a sweet little movie.

Unfortunately it stars a collection of impossibly beautiful 20-somethings trying to look like teenagers and has a muddled plot that takes an unnecessary and distracting plunge into melodrama.

With a smart script and some talented young musicians in the lead, this could have been the movie that spawned thousands of hipster high schoolers. Instead it's mostly just mainstream posturing with the occasional unexpected reference to hipster icons like CBGBs and Evil Dead 2 (instantly making them all slightly less cool by association).

For a superficial teen pop movie in the High School: The Musical vain, it's not terrible and at least its heart is in the right place. But given the obvious ambitions of the filmmakers, Bandslam can't be viewed as anything other than a disappointment.

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Ghostbuster Hudson in Heroes

Heroes is gonna call a Ghostbuster in for a guest role this season. Actor Ernie Hudson, who played Winston Zeddemore in the Ghostbusters franchise, will join the NBC drama for a multi-episode arc. **TVGUIDE.COM**

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District 9 must visit

Vancouver-based director Neill Blomkamp's evokes South Africa's apartheid years in the sci-fi flick District 9.

District 9

Director: Neill Blomkamp
Stars: Sharlto Copley, Jason Cope
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●●

In a parallel world thirty years ago, an alien ship settled over Johannesburg, South Africa and hasn't moved from there since. The creatures from the ship, given the derogatory term "prawns" for their shellfish-like appearance are the last from their planet, relegated to living in slums, until a refugee relocation project changes everything.

District 9 achieves what every action film this summer fails at. Produced by Lord of the Rings director Peter Jackson, District 9 grabs you by the collar and won't let go until the final frame.

It can back up its message with more than a few corny platitudes. Entirely devoid of cliché, and thematically chock full of innovation, District 9 blows the doors off even J.J. Abrams' finest work.

As someone who sees many films, to not be compelled, even once, to check the time was a testament to Vancouver-based Neill Blomkamp's relentlessly compelling filmmaking.

Partially shot in documentary style, talking heads give the back story to this near thirty-year struggle between the two species.

The present day world presented is fantastically imaginative at the same time that it is completely realistic — with clear references to race relations and apartheid (the film's title is derived from an actual restricted area during apartheid, District 6).

While it's a relentless gorefest, the darker themes regarding human nature, a mercenary military, abuse of technology, social order and values are intelligent and well-presented without turning the film into a condescendingly explicit "message film." If there's one sci-fi/action film you see this summer, this has to be the one.

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Time for the hormones

The Time Traveler's Wife

Director: Bruce Joel Rubin
Stars: Rachel McAdams, Eric Bana
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●●

DOROTHY ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

Rachel McAdams and Eric Bana star in The Time Traveler's Wife.

REVIEW To put it bluntly: The Time Traveler's Wife makes absolutely no sense. At all.

And yes, there is such a thing as a suspension of disbelief, but if you truly try to figure out this film — in which Clare (Rachel McAdams) marries Henry (a delicious Eric Bana), a time-traveler who has managed to stalk her throughout her life since she was a little girl — your head will likely explode and seep into your popcorn.

But no matter. The Time Traveler's Wife is not a movie for your brain; it is a movie for your ovaries. And if you let your mind take a nap and let your hormones steer the ship for a bit, you'll decide that gosh, is it ever good.

This is all thanks to Bana and McAdams, who, just as Henry can transcend the laws of physics, can transcend a weak script and huge, cavernous plot holes by sheer acting force. Additionally, Wife is aided by the fact that it's more stylized and nuanced than most romantic flicks of this ilk. And despite Bana and McAdams' beautiful earnestness, it's also able to make you laugh.

But then it gets to the inevitable, heartbreaking end, and oh, how you'll cry. You'll cry, and cry, and cry until your brain says, "enough of this, hormones; I'm coming back," and switches on.

You'll start to feel a little ashamed that you let such a silly movie turn you into a blubbering idiot, but then that's why God made romance films (and McAdams) — to do exactly that.

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Galactica film in works
Bryan Singer is in talks to work on a Battlestar Galactica feature film project. Yes, just months after the end of the superlative TV series we could see the start of a new Battlestar on the big screen. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

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Have romance, will time travel

I'd bet everyone has considered the idea of going back in time to fix a wrong or reconnect with a lost love. Of course, time travel doesn't exist, but you wouldn't know that from popular culture.

Cher wanted to turn back time and "take back those words that hurt you," and on television Star Trek's characters crossed time zones more often than a pilot's Timex.

Time travel plays a role on the big screen as well and not just in hardcore sci-fi. This weekend's The Time Traveler's Wife is a science fiction romance, but the love story is foremost, the sci-fi second and believe it or not it's not the only one. They're not just motion pictures; call them emotion pictures.

In Kate & Leopold Hugh Jackman plays a 19th century man who discovers a wormhole into, not only 21st century New York, but also the heart of the very modern Meg Ryan. It's a romance, but plays up on the whole fish-out-of-water situation as Leopold must try and come to grips with modern day customs.

"Are you suggesting madam that there exists a law compelling a gentleman to lay hold of canine bowel movements?"

Peggy Sue Got Married was played for laughs by stars Kathleen Turner, Nicolas Cage and director Francis Ford Coppola but the underlying message is profound. Turner plays the title character, a 43-year-old woman on the brink of divorce from Charlie, her childhood sweetheart.

After fainting at her high school reunion she awakens to find herself flung back in time; she's returned to high school, but this time around she has a world of perspective under her belt.

In Kate and Leopold, Hugh Jackman's character travels from the 19th to the 21st century.

"I am a grown woman with a lifetime of experience that you can't understand," she tells Charlie.

The humour in this underrated classic springs from real emotions. Roger Ebert summed it up when he described the time bending first kiss between Peggy Sue and her future ex-husband.

"Imagine kissing someone for the first time," he wrote, "after you have already kissed him or her for the last time."

Such is the twisty-turny logic of time travel romance. Logic, however, really has no place in these stories.

The yearning to revisit the past is a romantic quest, a feeling based on emotional sentiment that defies reason.

As sci-fi writer George Alec Effinger wrote in The Bird of Time, "The past… is the home of romance."

"Imagine kissing someone for the first time after you have already kissed him or her for the last time." "
Roger Ebert on Peggy Sue Got Married

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Heder joins sci-fi comedy

Jon Heder is starring in Buddy Holly Is Alive And Well On Ganymede, a new sci-fi comedy. Based on the novel by Bradley Denton, the story kicks off with a mysterious TV broadcast of Buddy Holly, who claims to be alive. EMPIREONLINE.COM.

Reel Time

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It delivers silly fun

The Goods
Director: Neal Brennan
Stars: Jeremy Piven, Ed Helms
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

At some point over the past year, Chrysler really could've used a guy like Don Ready. The self-proclaimed "goods," Ready may be arrogant, belligerent and completely overbearing but he can definitely "move the metal."

In The Goods, Jeremy Piven (HBO's Entourage) plays the contemptuous lead character, piloting his nomadic pack of auto-sales guns-for-hire around the country to save the bacon of bankrupt lots everywhere. When they stop to help a dealer in Temecula, Calif., Ready is faced with trying to rescue a dealership from its savage competitor (played by Alan Thicke, no less), he inadvertently falls for the owner's straight-arrow daughter.

Produced by Will Ferrell and filmmaker Adam McKay, The Goods certainly doesn't expand beyond formula in terms of plot twists or storylines. But it does carouse in the same childish, callow comedy as the pair's previous partnerships (like last summer's Step Brothers).

For that reason, The Goods may not be great cinema — in fact, it may be full of crude, politically incorrect one-note jokes — but in that department, it does deliver the goods.

Juvenile, baseless and rather bone-headed, The Goods may be a lemon of a film, but it's a lemon that is agreeably entertaining.

David Koechner, left, and Jeremy Piven star in The Goods, which opens in theatres today.

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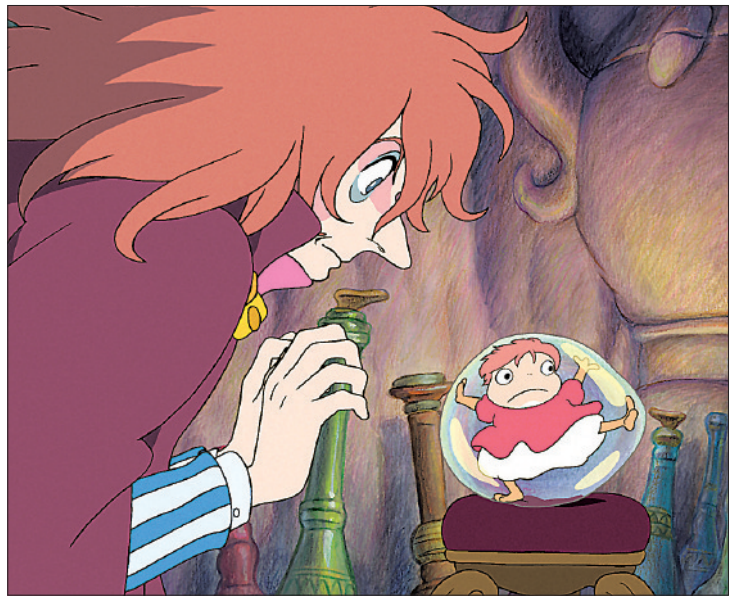

Japanese animation legend Hayao Miyazaki returns with Ponyo.

Miyazaki's Ponyo spirits you away

Ponyo
Director: Hayao Miyazaki
Stars: Cate Blanchett, Liam Neeson
Classification: G
Rating: ●●●●

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW In an age where the animated feature has steered into smooth, three-dimensional computer sculpted perfection, the warm, organic work of Hayao Miyazaki stands out all the more profoundly.

The Oscar winning artist (in 2003 for Spirited Away) is one of the most influential animators in film history, often hand drawing his own work while exploring personal themes of feminism and environmentalism against a stirring fantasy backdrop.

His latest effort is Ponyo, a gentle, haunting, gorgeously rendered fairy tale, which mines Hans Christian Andersen's The Little Mermaid for its template, but is otherwise Miyazaki at his most joyous.

Deep within the ocean, little Ponyo — a fish with a red dress and a human face — pines for a life beyond the one her Robert Smith-coiffed Wizard father has designed for her. Bursting to the surface, she is befriended by little Sosuke whose love for her is so great that Ponyo willfully becomes a human girl to be with him.

But her rebellion has its price and the balance of nature becomes dangerously skewed. If there is a flaw at all in Ponyo, it's certainly none of its creator's doing, rather the English dub is a bit wonky, with many A list Hollywood stars (including Cate Blanchett and Liam Neeson) trying their best with an often laughably translated script.

But this minor quibble aside, Miyazaki is in top form here. The story is delightful and imaginative, the characters warmly drawn, it positively erupts in colour and Joe Hisaishi's Wagnerian orchestral score pushes even the most benign of images into grand day-glo opera.

It's appropriate that Ponyo is being released in North America through Disney: Miyazaki, perhaps more than any other animator, is keeping Walt's spirit alive and well.

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Duffy making film debut
Patrick Duffy, who starred in the long-running primetime soap Dallas, is making his studio feature debut in the comedy You Again. Jimmy Wolk also has come aboard the Disney feature, which is being directed by Andy Fickman. REUTERS

Reel Time

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Adam's winning heart

Adam
Director: Max Mayer
Stars: Hugh Dancy, Rose Byrne
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Lowering the critical hammer too harshly on a film as gentle as Adam is a bit on the mean side. The movie, the first feature from veteran NYC theatre director Max Mayer, has its flaws to be sure, but also has its heart in the right place and addresses a learning disability that rarely gets exposure in cinema.

British actor Hugh Dancy (Basic Instinct 2) plays the titular character, a nervous, quiet, socially awkward young man living alone in a spacious Manhattan apartment. Slave to his routines and mourning the recent loss of his father, Adam becomes enamoured with his beautiful, quirky new neighbour (Rose Byrne) who surprisingly — against all odds — seems to reciprocate.

The only glitch in their quirky relationship is that Adam's issues aren't just eccentricities.

He has Asperger's syndrome, a form of highly functioning autism that causes him to miss social cues, have little concept as to what others may or may not be thinking and generally leaves him incapable of handling evolved emotional connections of any kind.

The big problem with the movie lies in actually buying its central conceit: That a lovely, sophisticated, single girl would willingly immerse herself in a relationship with someone so unpredictable and demanding … and so quickly at that.

Nevertheless, Dancy in particular should be commended for turning in a performance that never falls into Gump-ishness.

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Rose Byrne and Hugh Dancy begin an unlikely romance in Adam.

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Screen Times

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VANCOUVER

OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

Adrenaline (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2-4
Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk (STC) Fri-Sat
Beavers (STC) Fri-Thu 11-5
Roving Mars (G) Fri-Thu 3 Fri 7:30
Van Gogh: Brush With Genius (STC) Sat 7:30

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629

Alaska: Spirit of the Wild (G) Fri-Thu 6
Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk in 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2-4
Star Trek: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 9
Under the Sea 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1-3-5-7

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 7-9:30

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:15-5:20-7:30-9:40
Adam (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:20
Fifty Dead Men Walking (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:20-9:45
Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 1-9:50
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Wed 3:50-6:50 Thu 3:50
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-7-9:35

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Anything for Her (14A) Fri 4:05-9:40 Sat 1:05-9:40 Sun 1:05-4:05-9:40 Mon-Tue 4:05-9:40 Wed-Thu 4:05-6:55-9:30
Brüno (18A) Fri-Thu 9:35
Cinderella (Ballet) in HD (STC) Sat 11
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri 4:10-7:05-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:05-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-9:20
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri 4-7:10 Sat 11-1:15-4-7:10 Sun 1:15-4-7:10 Mon-Thu 4-7:10
Kaminey (Hindi with English Subtitles) (STC) Fri 3:55-6:50-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:55-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:50-9:45
Life Partner (STC) Fri 4:20-8 Sat-Sun 12:45-4:20-8 Mon-Thu 4:20-8
Public Enemies (14A) Fri 3:50-6:45 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:50-6:45 Mon-Tue 3:50-6:45 Wed-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:40
Spread (18A) Fri 4:10-7-9:25 Sat-Sun 1-4:10-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:25

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211

Easy Virtue (G) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
Rudo y Cursi (14A) Fri 9:20 Sat-Sun 3:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 9:20

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

District 9 (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 3:30-6:45-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:45-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6:45-9:30
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) DTS Digital, No Passes Fri 3:45-7:10 DTS Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:45-7:10 DTS Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 3:45-7:10
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) DTS Digital Fri 3:15-6:30-9:45 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 12-3:15-6:30-9:45 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 3:15-6:30-9:45

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456

Gilda (STC) Fri 7:15 Sat 9:20 Sun 9:05
In a Lonely Place (STC) Thu 9:20
Nightfall (STC) Fri 9:20 Sun 7:30 Mon 9:20
Nightmare Alley (STC) Sat 7:15 Mon 7:15
A Touch of Evil (STC) Thu 7:15

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

In the Loop (STC) A.M. Sun 10
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 4-7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:20

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

A Midsummer Night's Dream (STC) A.M. Sat 10
One Day You'll Understand (G) Fri 4-7-9 Sat-Sun 2-4-7-9 Mon-Thu 4-7-9

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film

2001: A Space Odyssey (STC) and **Dark Star** (STC) Fri 12 (midnight double screening)
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Thu 12 (midnight)
Soul Power (PG) Sun-Thu 7:30-9:30

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

District 9 (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7:30-10:30 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-7:10
Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 12-3:45-7:40-10:45
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-12:50-3:30-4:6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:10-6:30-10:15
Julie & Julia (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:10-3:20-6:40-9:40 No Passes Tue 12:10-3:20-10:40 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:40-9:40 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:10
Up in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:15-6:45-9:20

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:55-5:10-7:30-9:50
Bandslam (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:20-5-7:40-10:20
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:35-5:20-7:50-10:25
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:15-7:15-10:15
Moon (PG) Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:45-7:10-9:35
A Perfect Getaway (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:05-7:35-10:05
Ponyo (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7-9:30
Thirst (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-4:20-7:25-10:30
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-2-3:20-4:40-6:05-7:20-8:45-10
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:10
Vancouver Queer Film Festival 2009 (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 5-7-9:30

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour St., 604-683-Film

Déjà Vu (14A) Sat 9
Gimme Shelter (STC) Mon 7
My Generation (STC) Sat 7 Sun 5
Out on Screen Film Festival (STC) Wed-Thu
Shine a Light (PG) Mon 6:30
Woodstock (STC) Fri 7 Sat 2 Sun 7 Tue 7

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 4:50-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 7-9:10

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Bandslam (G) Digital Presentation Fri-Thu 1:30-4:05-7:10-9:45
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Digital Presentation, No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-3:50-6:50-9:40 Digital Presentation Mon-Thu 1:15-3:50-6:50-9:40 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:20-10
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 3:20-6:30-9:35
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 1:50-4-6:40
Julie & Julia (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:50
A Midsummer Night's Dream (STC) Digital Presentation Sat 11
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Thu 9:55

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3-5:20-7:30-9:35
District 9 (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-6:40-9:50
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-4:50-7-9:20
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:50-5:10-7:20-9:30
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:20-6:30-9:45
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Wed 12:10-2:40-5:7:10-9:40 Thu 3:30-7:10-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

District 9 (18A) No Passes Fri 4:25-7:20-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:40-4:25-7:20-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:25-7:20-10
G-Force (G) Fri 4:15-6:55-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:55-9:30
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri 4:05-7:05-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:05-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-9:55
Julie & Julia (PG) No Passes Fri 4-7-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-4-7-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-7-9:45
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 4:10-7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:10-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-9:50
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri 4:20-7:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:20-7:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-9:40

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

Bandslam (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:10-7:05-10:05
District 9 (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-1:30-3:20-4:35-6:55-7:50-9:50-10:45
Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:35-6:50-10:30
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-2-4:30-7-9:30
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-12:55-3:30-4:15-7-7:30-10:15-10:40
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:35-10:10
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 12:25-4:10-7:10
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:25-8
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:40-7:25-10:05
Julie & Julia (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 1:10-4:05-7:25-10:25 No Passes Thu 4:05-7:25-10:25 No Passes Thu 1
Orphan (14A) Fri-Thu 9:55
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Ponyo (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-3:55-6:45-9:40
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:30 Mon 12:45-3:40 Tue-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:30
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12:1:05-3:4:50-6:40-7:45-9:45-10:35
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 11:55-3:25-6:50-10:25
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:20-10:20

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:15
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:15-5-7-9

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

District 9 (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:25-3:25-7:25-10:25
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:30-5-7:35-10
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12-12:45-3-3:45-7-7:30-10-10:40
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:40-7:05-10:35
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:20
Julie & Julia (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:50-3:20-6:45-9:45
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:40-6:40-9:30
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-7:15-10:15
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:05-6:55-9:40

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Bandslam (G) Fri 4:40-7:15-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:55-4:40-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:15-9:35
Brüno (18A) Fri 5-7:30-9:45 Sat-Sun 2:30-5-7:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-9:45
Funny People (18A) Fri 4:15-7:05-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:05-9:50
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) No Passes Fri 5-7:30-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 2-5-7:30-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10
Ponyo (G) No Passes Fri 4:25-7:05-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:50-4:25-7:05-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:30
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 9:55
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri 4:05-7-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:05-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:05-7-9:50
Up (G) Fri 3:40-5:45-7:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-3:40-5:45-7:50 Mon-Thu 3:40-5:45-7:50

NEW WEST/

COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Tue 12:55-3:45-7:15-9:55 Wed 3:45-7:15-9:55 Thu 12:55-3:45-7:15-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Bandslam (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-3:30-6:55-9:50
District 9 (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-1:10-3:40-4:25-7:05-7:55-10:15-10:50
Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:55-7:15-10:35
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:15-4:40-7:20-9:45
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:20-7:50-10:40 Fri-Thu 12:15-3:20-7-10
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:35-10:30
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:15-8-10:40
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:35-7:10-10:35
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Thu 10:20
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:05-6:50-9:20
Julie & Julia (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:05-3:50-7:30-10:30
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:40-10:25
Ponyo (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-3:25-7-9:40
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-4-7:20
Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Thu 10:05
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12-1:15-3-4:10-6:45-7:45-9:45-10:45
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 11:45-3:10-6:45
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:35-10:10

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Aliens in the Attic (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 8:50
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 8:45
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 8:25-10:20
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:15-6:30
My Sister's Keeper (PG) Fri-Thu 4:15
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri-Thu 12
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 2-6:40
Star Trek (PG) Fri-Thu 4:15
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 2-6:45-9:30
Up (G) Fri-Thu 12-4:45

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Bandslam (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:35-10:15
District 9 (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:30-10:30
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-6:50-9:20
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-1:15-3:50-4:30-6:55-7:25-10:10
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-7:20-9:40
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-7:05-10:25
Julie & Julia (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:05-4:10-7:10-10:05 No Passes Wed 4:10-7:10-10:05 No Passes Thu 1:05-4:10-7:10-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Kaminey (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:15-10:20
Love Aaj Kal (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-6:45-9:45
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Thu 9:50
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:10
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:30

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

Aliens in the Attic (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-3:35
Bandslam (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-7:20-10:05
District 9 (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-7:30-10:30
Funny People (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 7:10-10:25
G-Force (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:05-3:25-7:20-9:50
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sat 12:45-3:30-6:45-9:35-12:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:45-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7:45-10:20
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:10-3:50-7:05-9:30-11:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 1:10-3:50-7:05-9:30
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-3:55
Julie & Julia (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sat 12:35-3:15-6:50-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 12:35-3:15-6:50-9:55
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 7:35-10
Ponyo (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:25-3:10-7:15-10:10
Seven (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 12
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 12:50-3:45-7:9:40-12:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 12:50-3:45-7-9:40
The Ugly Truth (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1-4:05-6:55-9:45-12:05 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 1-4:05-6:55-9:45

RIALTO
1732-152nd St., White Rock, 604-541-9527

Julie & Julia (PG) No Passes Fri 7-9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 2-7-9:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:20
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 7:20-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:20-7:20-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:30

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Hwy., 604-531-7456

District 9 (18A) Fri 7:30-9:40 Sat-Sun 2:30-7:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:40
G-Force (G) Fri 7:10-9:10 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:10 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:10
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) No Passes Fri 7-9:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 2-7-9:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:15
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri 7:20-9:20 Sat-Sun 2:20-7:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:20

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:55-6:55-9:30
Bandslam (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-3:10-6:40-10
District 9 (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-12:45-3:35-4:05-6:55-7:35-9:50-10:25
Funny People (18A) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:15-7:10:20
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:20-9:45
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-12:40-3:05-4:10-6:50-7:40-9:40-10:30
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:55-3:40-7:05-9:50
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-7:10-9:55
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-5-9
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 11:45-3:15-6:45-10:15
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Thu 3:25
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:25-10:05
Julie & Julia (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:10-3:30-6:50-9:55 No Passes Wed 12:10-6:50-9:55 No Passes Thu 12:10-3:30-6:50-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 3
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri-Thu 10:20
Ponyo (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-3:45-7-9:40
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 12-1-3-4-6:45-7:30-9:45-10:15
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (14A) Fri-Thu 11:55-3:20-6:40
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:50-7:15-10:10

TWILIGHT DRIVE-IN
260th Street & Fraser Hwy., Langley, 604-856-5063

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 9
Orphan (14A) Fri-Thu 11:15
Terminator Salvation (14A) A.M. Fri-Sat 1:30

Artist Bio - Beast

Hit Songs
Mr Hurricane

A unique sound, with a unique performance and a unique style, Beast is roaring across Canada.

When Plaster's Jean-Phi Goncalves asked Betty Bonifassi to throw some vocals on a few "work-in-progress" tracks, Beast was formed. After two years the experimental journey culminated in a rockstar launch.

Quickly they have risen quickly in the ranks of the Canadian music scene. In 2008 their inaugural performance at Toronto's NXNE they score 100%. Accolades and honours well deserved for this rocking Montreal duo.

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Billboard's top pop albums
1. Live on the Inside, Sugarland; **2.** NOW 31, Various Artists; **3.** Gloriana, Gloriana; **4.** The E.N.D., The Black Eyed Peas; **5.** Only By the Night, Kings of Leon. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

The legacy of John Hughes

SoundCheck
Alan Cross
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Films like The Breakfast Club provided a serious musical education for teenagers.

Since the death of director/writer John Hughes last week, there have been many tributes on how his half-dozen Brat Pack movies of the '80s so realistically articulated the thoughts and fears of high school kids. No mindless slasher plots or Porky's clones here. Instead, Hughes' films offered some gentle life lessons in ways that weren't condescending or preachy.

And let's not forget how these movies — Sixteen Candles, The Breakfast Club, Weird Science, Pretty in Pink and Some Kind of Wonderful — all produced soundtracks that provided a serious musical education to the kids who would soon grow up to be grunge-y Gen-Xers. A soundtrack to a Hughes movie opened doors for both listeners and performers alike.

The list of then-new U.K. bands from these soundtracks reads like a "who's who" of the '80s: The Smiths, OMD, the Psychedelic Furs, Spandau Ballet, New Order, Echo and the Bunnymen, the Specials, Billy Idol, Flesh for Lulu, the English Beat, Big Audio Dynamite, General Public. For many North Americans, their first exposure to these groups came courtesy of a John Hughes movie.

Where the right existing song couldn't be found, it was commissioned. Keith Forsey — Donna Summer's old drummer and the Oscar-winning co-writer of Flashdance … What a Feeling — was asked to provide a title song for The Breakfast Club. He offered the performance to both Bryan Ferry and Billy Idol, both of whom turned it down. When he gave it to his distant third choice, Simple Minds turned "Don't You (Forget About Me)" into a worldwide No. 1 hit and the biggest song of their career.

Hughes also had a soft spot for L.A. band Oingo Boingo, using them in almost all his Brat Pack films. Now leader Danny Elfman is one of Hollywood's most prolific scorers of films and TV programs, not to mention the author of the theme for The Simpsons.

If you ever find yourself wondering what the mid-'80s sounded like, rent a John Hughes movie. Or better yet, see if you can find the soundtrack CDs. The only exception is Ferris Bueller's Day Off, which never saw a companion soundtrack because Hughes thought that the mix of music used in the film was too weird. Too bad, too, because it was the best-ever use of the Beatles' version of Twist and Shout.

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

Breeders are back

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

The Breeders are touring in support of the four-song EP Fate To Fatal (4AD).

Over the course of their 20 year history, alternative rockers The Breeders—well, mainstays/twin sisters Kim and Kelley Deal—have had some pretty rock 'n' roll moments: Kim's meteoric rise, fall and rejuvenation with legendary act The Pixies, a chart-topping sophomore album Last Splash in 1993, drug busts, rehab stints … the list goes on.

When discussing their forthcoming tour though, Kelley reveals what is probably the least expected rock instance ever. "I'd love it if you throw me your yarn," she gushes enthusiastically. "That would be so awesome. Canada has the best yarn I've ever seen in my entire life."

Deal's fancy for textiles and ensuing book, last year's Bags That Rock: Knitting On The Road With Kelley Deal, is understandable. Some years back, she embraced the pastime after quitting heroin.

Were it not for picking up a different set of needles, she admits that prison and quite possibly a fatality could have been the end result. It's a sentiment alluded to in the title of The Breeders' latest venture, a four-song EP dubbed Fate To Fatal (4AD).

Not to make it sound like there was some sort of design behind the affair. Deal notes that it is a matter of happenstance.

"I wish we were patient. It would sound like we have a master plan; someone's in charge," she admits. "We don't put something out for any other reason than we like this clutch of songs and we want people to hear them."

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Kourtney 'shocked' by pregnancy

Kourtney Kardashian is pregnant with her first child. The reality TV star — who hasn't been in a relationship since January — was "shocked" to discover she is expecting a baby while on holiday in Florida. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Television

What would Don Draper do?

NED EHRBAR
for Metro Canada

Jon Hamm has been getting a lot of attention since his hit series, Mad Men, debuted two years ago.

He's won a Golden Globe and been nominated for an Emmy twice, he's hosted Saturday Night Live, and his now-iconic character, Don Draper, has launched a veritable cult devoted to the well-dressed, self-assured advertising executive. There's even a website set up in tribute, What Would Don Draper Do?

"The character certainly has resonated in a much larger way than I think anybody really expected," Hamm says modestly, taking a break between shooting scenes for the third season, which premieres Sunday.

The square-jawed, affable 38-year-old actor — who spent years toiling in anonymous bit parts on various TV shows before landing Mad Men — is still incredibly appreciative of what the series has done for him. "When something like this happens, this sort of 'overnight success,' you pop up on a lot more people's radar. Your phone starts ringing a lot more," he says.

One of those phone calls was from Lorne Michaels, asking Hamm to host SNL, an experience he says seems "almost like it never happened."

Mad Men season three premieres this Sunday. Check local listings.

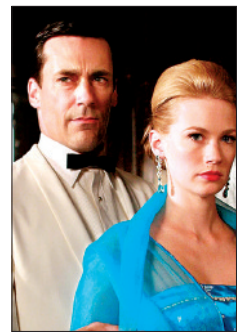
"That show has so much history. I've watched that show since I was a little kid," Hamm says. "It was like summer camp."

But we all have to go back to work sometime. And a look around the sleek Sterling Cooper offices — hidden inside a soundstage in Downtown Los Angeles — clears up some of the confusion left by last season's cliffhanger. Don Draper's name is still on his office door, and the calendar on his desk says it's 1963, meaning the series has jumped forward again.

Setting the new season in 1963 raises a lot of obvious questions about big historical events, but the actor is understandably cagey about what will factor into the show.

"The challenge of the show is to show the big events happening, but you don't want to show them in the way we've all seen them happen," Hamm says. "For some people, they didn't hear about Kennedy's assassination on that day."

Whether that's a clue or not as to upcoming story lines, Hamm won't say. He's more concerned with the development of his character, anyway. And after last season's partial reconciliation with his wife after she kicked him out, it looks like we can expect to see Don Draper trying to behave himself. "He's trying to be a better person, he's trying to be a better husband, father and man," Hamm explains. "And maybe he's not cut out for that."



Jon Hamm and January Jones

FRIDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/14/09	251	308	3 CBC	Coronatn	Jeopardy!	Air Farce	Laughs	Wild Roses (CC) (DVS)		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	255	358	6 JOY	E News	The Insider	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		THS Investigates (N) (CC)		20/20 (N) (CC)		News
	250	321	9 CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Castle "Ghosts" (CC)		Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Criminal Minds "Machismo"		News
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Mental "Life & Limb; Bad Moon Rising" (Season Finale) (N)				NUMB3RS "Guilt Trip" (CC)		News
	256	389	12 VI	The Road to Avonlea		Supernanny "Sacco Family"		Monk (CC)		Stargate Atlantis		A News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker (CC) (DVS)		Ugly Betty "Rabbit Test"		Out There	Out There	The CityNews
	-	-	14 CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Smallville "Hex" (CC)		Hates Chris	The Game	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
primetime	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Neil Diamond: August Night		Ghost Whisperer (CC)		NUMB3RS "Guilt Trip" (CC)		KIRO News
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Southland "See the Woman"		Dateline NBC (CC)				KING 5 News
	288	380	41 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Supernanny "Sacco Family"		Ugly Betty "Rabbit Test"		20/20 (N) (CC)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Mental "Life & Limb; Bad Moon Rising" (Season Finale) (N)				News	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	26 NW	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Red Bull: Air Race		MMA Conn	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	CFL Football	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape) (CC)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Spice World ★ (1997) The Spice Girls, Alan Cumming. (CC)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	Batman	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama		Batman: Mask of the Phantasm ★★ (1993)		Batman
variety	268	354	5 KNO	No Price Too High		Poirot "The Veiled Lady"		A Most Mysterious Murder		Volcano: Life and Death of Malcolm Lowry		
	575	583	20 CMT	Maternal Instincts ★★ (1996, Suspense) Delta Burke, Beth Broderick.					Candid C.	Maternal Instincts ★★ (1996) Delta Burke.		
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds "Plain Sight"		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
	521	560	24 TLC	Gown Crazy "Pilot" (CC)		What Not to Wear "Lisa"		Gown Crazy "Pilot" (CC)		What Not to Wear "Tara"		What Not
	616	522	39 SHO	The Outer Limits (CC)		The Best Years		Kenny	Kenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Webdreams
	294	650	57 TBS	(6:00) The School of Rock ★★★ (2003)			Sex and-City	Sex and-City		(:40) Eurotrip ★★ (2004, Comedy) Scott Mechlowicz.		
cable	603	561	69 FN	Diners	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Dinner	Diners
	320	621	30 CEN	(6:30) The Promotion ★★		Pride and Glory ★★ (2008) Edward Norton. Premiere. (CC)				(:15) Untraceable ★★ (2008) Diane Lane.		
	581	566	101 MTV	True Love	The X Effect	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	16 and Pregnant Air Force.		True Love	The X Effect	Made (CC)

SATURDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/15/09	251	308	3 CBC	The Nature of Things (CC)		Dragon's Den (CC)		Da Vinci's City Hall		Intelligence (CC) (DVS)		News
	255	358	6 JOY	Out There	E News	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Movie (CC)				News
	250	321	9 CTV	W-FIVE (CC) (DVS)		Would Be Kings (2008) (Part 2 of 2) Currie Graham.				Law & Order: SVU		News
	252	336	11 GTV	Doc "Welcome to NY" (CC)		Doc (CC)		Doc "Safety First" (CC)		Doc (CC)		News Final
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Jeff Ltd.	Jeff Ltd.	Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13 CITY	Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		The Snow Walker ★★ (2003) Barry Pepper. (CC) (DVS)				Role
	-	-	14 CW	CSI: NY (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: NY "Bad Beat" (CC)		CSI: Miami
primetime	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		Flashpoint (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News
	287	379	16 NBC	NFL Preseason Football Seattle Seahawks at San Diego Chargers. (Live)						Seahawks	Backroads	KING 5 News
	288	380	41 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Shark Tale ★★ (2004, Comedy) Voices of Will Smith.				Shark Tank (CC)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News	Most Wanted	MADtv (CC)
news	502	390	26 NW	Snowdon and Margaret		Sat. Report	Our World	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Snowdon and Margaret		Sat. Report
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Amanpour Reports: Generation Islam				Newsroom		Gen Islam
sports	407	419	22 RSP	Sportsnet	MLB Baseball	New York Yankees at Seattle Mariners. (Subject to Blackout)				Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	CFL Football		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		The Lost Son of Havana (N) (CC)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Adrenaline	In Real Life "Pilots" (CC)		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	Daffy Duck's Movie: Fantastic Island ★★ (1983) (CC)				Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
variety	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic Adv.		Heartbeat "Danse Macabre"		Midsomer Murders "Country Matters" (CC)				Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)
	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (CC)		The Sopranos (CC)		CSI: Miami "Tunnel Vision"		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	24 TLC	Moving Up (N) (CC)		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Moving Up (CC)		Cake Boss
	616	522	39 SHO	(6:00) Storm Cell (2008) (CC)		Termination Point (2007, Suspense) Jason Priestley. (CC)				Crank ★★ (2006) Jason Statham. (CC)		
cable	294	650	57 TBS	RV ★★ (2006, Comedy) Robin Williams, Jeff Daniels. (CC)				Bill Engvall	Bill Engvall	Vegas Vacation ★ (1997) Chevy Chase.		
	603	561	69 FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Challenge Ice cream. (CC)		The Next Food Network Star		Nightmares
	320	621	30 CEN	(6:30) One Missed Call ★		Nights in Rodanthe ★★ (2008) Premiere.				(:45) Stardust ★★★ (2007, Fantasy) Claire Danes. (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	After

SUNDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/16/09	251	308	3 CBC	Heartland "Do or Die"		Iron Road (2009) (Part 2 of 2) Peter O'Toole. (CC) (DVS)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		News
	255	358	6 JOY	Taking It Off (N) (CC)		Deal or No Deal (N) (CC)		To Be Announced				News
	250	321	9 CTV	Merlin (N) (CC)		Merlin (N) (CC)		Cold Case "Officer Down"		Defying Gravity "H21K" (N)		News
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9 Picture	Simpsons	Big Brother 11 (N) (CC)		Family Guy	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	News Final
	256	389	12 VI	Funniest Home Videos		The Village ★★ (2004) Bryce Dallas Howard. (CC)				Monk (CC)		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	TO Show	Hates Chris	Be a Millionaire		Royal Pains "Am I Blue?"		Crusoe (CC)		Role
	-	-	14 CW	Easy Money (N) (CC)		Disturbing Behavior ★★ (1998, Horror) James Marsden.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
primetime	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		(:01) Big Brother 11 (N)		Neighborhood		(9:59) Cold Case (CC)		News
	287	379	16 NBC	Merlin (N) (CC)		Merlin (N) (CC)		Saturday Night Live Presidential Bash 2008 (CC)				KING 5 News
	288	380	41 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Be a Millionaire		Shark Tank (N) (CC)		Defying Gravity "H21K" (N)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	'Til Death	Simpsons	Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	News	Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	26 NW	A/K/A Tommy Chong ★★ (2005)			Our World	CBC News: Sunday Night		A/K/A Tommy Chong ★★ (2005)		
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Amanpour Reports: Generation Islam				State of the Union		Gen Islam
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		UFC's Ultimate 100		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Motoring	WEC WrekCage (N) (CC)		Mike Tyson's Greatest Hits		SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Adventures of Sharkboy		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	In Real Life (CC)		Adrenaline	Survive This	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	Stoked (N)	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch (CC)	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Rick & Steve
variety	268	354	5 KNO	Nat. Geo. Ultimate Explorer		Happy Families (1992) John Thaw, Kevin Whately. (CC)				A Most Mysterious Murder		Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Crossroads		The 44th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards (CC)						Crossroads
	615	520	31 A&E	Gene Simmons		Criss Angel Mindfreak (CC)		Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons
	521	560	24 TLC	Flight 175: World Watched		High Seas Heroes: Fighting		Hudson Plane Crash		Flight 175: World Watched		Destroyed
	616	522	39 SHO	The Guard (CC)		Disaster Zone: Volcano in New York (2006, Action) (CC)				Rescue Me "Carrot" (CC)		The Guard
	294	650	57 TBS	Daddy's Little Girls ★★ (2007) Gabrielle Union. (CC)				Getting Played (2005) Carmen Electra. (CC)			Underclassman ★ (2005)	
cable	603	561	69 FN	Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Get on Plate	Food	Iron Chef America (CC)		Dinner
	320	621	30 CEN	Water Horse: Legend		Cassandra's Dream ★★ (2007) Ewan McGregor. Premiere.				The Hoax ★★★ (2006) Richard Gere. (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After	MTV News	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV News

Kelly Osbourne reality show
Kelly Osbourne is set to let the world into her life again — she's reportedly signed up to star in her own U.K. reality show. It will co-star her fiancé, model Luke Worrall. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

Going Out

Mix of Six

Paint Vancouver Red
When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Red Galleria, 2152 Main St.

The Red Galleria is hosting a charity art show featuring work from local artists with 75 per cent of sales going towards B.C. Children's Hospital Foundation. Info: redgalleria.net.

Vans Warped Tour
When: Friday, gates open at 11 a.m.
Where: UBC Thunderbird Stadium

The punk festival comes to town. Featuring acts such as Alexisonfire, Bad Religion and NOFX. Tickets available through Live Nation as well as Zulu and Scratch records.

Latin Summer Fest
When: Sunday
Where: Trout Lake Park

Come celebrate Latin culture at the ninth annual Latin Summer Fest this Sunday. Festivities include all day music and a parade.

Young Artist Experience 2009
When: Friday and Saturday
Where: West Vancouver United Church and UBC School of Music Recital Hall

The concerts will feature the music of Beethoven, Mozart and many others. Performances will be held at West Vancouver United Church on the 14th and the UBC School of Music Recital Hall on the 15th.

The Summer of Love
When: Saturday
Where: Sir James Dunn Theatre

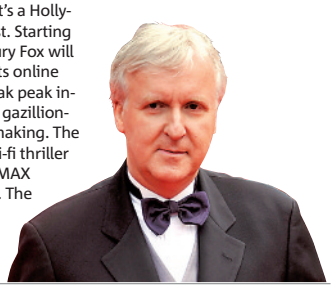
Celebrate a day of peace, love and music at the 40th Anniversary of Woodstock. Stages will be set up at four different locations in the Kitsilano neighbourhood.

Kings of Leon
When: Saturday and Sunday
Where: GM Place

The Grammy-winning alternative rock band from Nashville plays with special guest the Whigs. Info: kingsofleon.com.

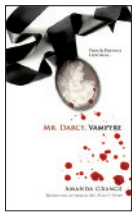
Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Avatar trailer
PROMO It's a Hollywood first. Starting Monday, 20th Century Fox will distribute free tickets online for a 16-minute sneak peak into James Cameron's gazillion-dollar opus-in-the-making. The trailer for the 3-D sci-fi thriller is scheduled to hit IMAX theatres on Aug. 21. The tickets will be available through avatarmovie.com.



2 Nice, Nice, Very Nice: Dan Mangan
ALBUM Very nice indeed. The Vancouver singer-songwriter's album of earnest, heartfelt songs is devoid of the hipster irony that plagues so much of the indie music scene, and should get him the audience he deserves. Standout cuts: Robots and Sold.

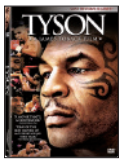
3 Mr. Darcy, Vampyre: Amanda Grange
BOOK The author of Mr. Darcy's Diary takes another bite out of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice. In this "fresh" sequel to the classic novel, newlywed heroine Elizabeth finds out that her hubby has a dark secret — he belongs to a family of vampires. The resulting quest to break that curse sets the action.



4 Madden NFL 10
GAME Forget the fantasy league. Here's the next best thing to running the yards for real. With the NFL preseason upon us, EA Sports' latest version of its bestselling title is an emotional ride that gets the sport under your skin. Coolest feature? Player profiles that ACTUALLY look like your favourite NFL stars.

5 Mad Men Third Season premiere
TV Is it the beginning of the end of Sterling Cooper? Or will Mad Man No. 1 Don Draper save the day again? All will be revealed (or not) come Sunday when the Emmy-nominated AMC show kicks off its third season at 10 p.m. ET. If you are not a fan yet, here's your chance to get hooked.

6 Tyson
DVD Meet the man who launched a thousand controversies, as he pulls no punches in revealing himself, warts and all. In this engrossing documentary, director James Toback simply lets the former heavyweight boxing champion do the talking, touching upon everything from Tyson's bleak childhood to his rape conviction. A true knockout.



7 District 9
FILM Canadian director Neill Blomkamp takes the familiar aliens vs. humans story to his native South Africa, drawing sharp parallels with the country's history of apartheid. Some critics are already calling it the new Bladerunner — that is, the next great science fiction film.

Electric guitar legend Les Paul, 94, dies

OBITUARY Legendary guitarist and inventor Les Paul, who pioneered designs of electric guitars, has died of complications from pneumonia at a New York hospital, his lawyer said Thursday. He was 94.

Attorney Michael Braunstein said Paul died at the White Plains Hospital in White Plains, New York. He added that Paul had been "in and out of the hospital" for about two months and had battled a number of illnesses.

"At 94, it's hard to fight a lot of stuff," Braunstein said. "He's a historical person. He certainly has left his mark here on Earth and had many, many friends."

Les Paul

Paul had been a dominant force in the music business since World War Two. He and wife Mary Ford enjoyed a string of hits in the 1940s and 1950s that included Mockin' Bird Hill and How High the Moon.

A passionate tinkerer, he created one of the first solid-body electric guitars in 1941, and went on to pioneer multi-track recording.

Paul played a key role in the birth of rock 'n' roll in the early 1950s when he teamed up with Gibson Guitar Corp. to help design a sleek model that bears his name. An instant success, its basic structure has barely changed over the decades.

Despite arthritis and hearing problems, Paul remained an indefatigable musician, playing regularly at a New York jazz club into his 90s. **REUTERS**

"He certainly has left his mark here on Earth."
Attorney Michael Braunstein

Witch Mountain, Obsessed top video charts

DVDS Family-friendly Race to Witch Mountain took the No. 1 spot on the national home video sales chart during the week ended Aug. 9, while the stalker-themed thriller Obsessed topped the rental chart.

Witch Mountain, a reimagining of 1975's Escape to Witch Mountain that grossed $67.2 million during its theatrical run earlier this year, easily took the sales crown during its first week in stores. Obsessed ranked second on the Nielsen VideoScan First Alert sales chart.

But in rental stores, the order was reversed, with Obsessed topping Home Media Magazine's weekly rental rankings and Witch Mountain – which stars Dwayne The Rock Johnson – in the No. 2 spot.

Obsessed stars Beyonce Knowles and Ali Larter

The films had similar box-office tallies. Obsessed, starring Beyonce Knowles, Idris Elba and Ali Larter, grossed $68.3 million in U.S. theaters.

Fast & Furious, the previous week's top seller and renter, slipped to No. 3 on both charts. But on the Nielsen VideoScan Blu-ray Disc chart, the action sequel remained on top for the second consecutive week. **REUTERS**

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Faris gets hitched

After denying rumours of a Hawaiian wedding, Anna Faris and her actor beau Chris Pratt now say they've tied the knot. "Anna Faris and Chris Pratt were married in a small ceremony in Bali on July 9," the actress' rep confirmed. PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Playgirl Heidi plans 'upgrades'

SOME ROLE MODEL Heidi Pratt appears in the September issue of Playboy, but she didn't take it all off for the magazine.

"The body is a beautiful creation," she said. "If anything, the reason I didn't show everything is because I plan to get a few more upgrades."

She claims she wants to get her breast implants replaced at some point as a present to her husband, Spencer. "I think I want to go bigger on my boobs for (Spencer) ... Let's do (another Playboy photo shoot) again when I get the upgrades." METRO WORLD NEWS

Reunion out of the question: Kate

ALL IN THE PAST She's still wearing his ring, but don't expect Kate and Jon Gosselin to ever get back together, usmagazine.com reports.

On Thursday's Live! With Regis and Kelly, Regis Philbin caught Kate Gosselin off guard when he told her he thinks Jon will ask for her back and they'll "live happily ever after."

Gosselin paused, sighed and then paused again. "You know, we definitely have different goals at this point," she said. "A lot has changed, a lot of unexpected things have came up. It's not ideal and I can't say that I think you're right at all."

Philbin then asked Gosselin how she would respond if Jon told her to forget about the past and that he wanted to rebuild a future together.

"I don't think I can answer that," she replied. Later, she added, "We can only go forward; we can't go back."

But she said she is aiming to film more scenes with her ex on the show.

"It's still going to be a lot of 'Jon and Kate,' but it's going to be 'Jon and the kids' and 'Kate and the kids,' she said. "I still hold out hope that it will be times where it will be 'Jon and Kate and the kids.' My main goal is to do holidays and things together. I don't know, really. I'm going into uncharted territory sort of. I'm going to be with the kids every second I get." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Party over at Guy's beloved bar?

CONSEQUENCES Guy Ritchie faces losing the liquor license on his beloved London pub following a string of complaints from local residents, female-first.co.uk reports.

Ritchie purchased The Punch Bowl in Mayfair while he was married to pop superstar Madonna, and was allowed to keep the drinking establishment in their divorce settlement.

But the venue is facing possible closure after officials at the local council were inundated by letters from disgruntled residents complaining about noise levels coming from the pub at night.

A source told London newspaper the Evening Standard: "The neighbours are fed up with the racket (noise), which sometimes goes on into the early hours."

Authorities at Westminster Council confirmed they have received 37 complaints about The Punch Bowl and have taken action by placing a microphone in a nearby building to monitor noise levels from the pub over the next few weeks. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Yankees wives' club split on Kate

CATTY Kate Hudson may be a winner to the wives of Alex Rodriguez's fellow Yankees, but teammate Derek Jeter's girlfriend, actress Minka Kelly, isn't warming to her, according to Page Six.

"I don't know if it's a personal thing, or just an extension of the ongoing A-Rod/Jeter rivalry," a source said. "People are choosing sides." METRO WORLD NEWS

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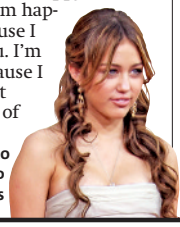
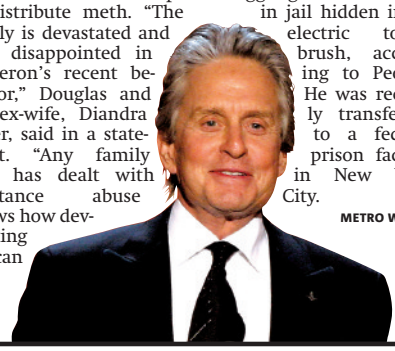
Miley and Justin reignite flames?

FLIP-FLOP Just when Miley Cyrus may have been rekindling things with Nick Jonas, she's reached out to another ex. The star has been swapping flirty Twitter messages with ex Justin Gaston. Earlier this week, Cyrus posted a note to Gaston reading, "I am in between happy and sad today. I'm happy because I love you. I'm sad because I can't get enough of you." METRO WORLD NEWS



Douglas family speaks

HEARTBREAK Actor Michael Douglas is finally speaking out about his son Cameron's recent arrest for possession and attempt to distribute meth. "The family is devastated and very disappointed in Cameron's recent behavior," Douglas and his ex-wife, Diandra Luker, said in a statement. "Any family who has dealt with substance abuse knows how devastating it can be."

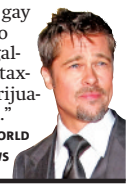


Meanwhile, Cameron has gotten in even more trouble, after his girlfriend was allegedly caught smuggling heroin to him in jail hidden in an electric toothbrush, according to People. He was recently transferred to a federal prison facility in New York City. METRO WORLD NEWS

Brad for New Orleans mayor?

PUBLIC SERVICE Despite a grassroots campaign to elect him as mayor of New Orleans, Brad Pitt insists he's not interested.

"I don't have a chance," Pitt explained to Ann Curry on the Today show. "It's not what I do best." When pressed on the matter, Pitt joked, "I'm running on the gay marriage, no religion, legalization and taxation of marijuana platform." METRO WORLD NEWS



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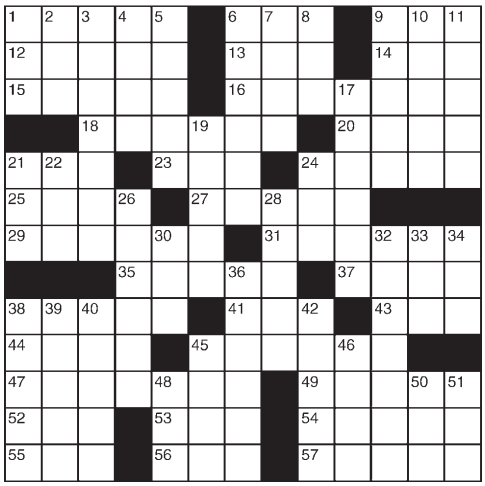

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9 Toper's interruption
12 More detailed map
13 Rowing need
14 Fuss and feathers
15 Pacific island nation
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18 Zealous
20 Onetime Clinton rival
21 4 qts.
23 Early bird?
24 Jack
25 They give a hoot
27 Bowling alley button
29 Cactus also called mescal
31 "Swann's Way" writer
35 River of forgetfulness
37 Norway's capital
38 Ellerbee or Ronstadt
41 Corrode
43 CBS logo
44 Bassoon's kin
45 Keg
47 Commandeered
49 Enjoyed greatly
52 D.C. title
53 Copper head?
54 Societal level
55 Em halves
56 Common article ...
57 ... in this city

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3 Pretty much
4 Virgin Islands, for ex.
5 Chopin piece
6 Waiting area
7 Right on the map
8 Illustrations
9 Vietnam city
10 Pedestal occupants
11 Break a Commandment
17 "Likewise"
19 Heron's cousin
21 Bush league? (Abbr.)
22 Shock partner
24 The girl
26 Lead-tin alloy used for joining
28 Lance
30 Leaves in hot water?
32 Vain
33 Crafty
34 Pirouette pivot
36 Sort of dive
38 Grown-up nit
39 "Ghosts" playwright
40 Many are proper subjects
42 Vestige
45 Actress Neuwirth
46 H, H, H
48 Cushion
50 Salt Lake tribe member
51 Corral

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Herb-Crusted Roast Beef

INGREDIENTS:

1 top round beef roast (about 3 lb/1.5 kg), trimmed of fat
5 cloves garlic, minced
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
1 tsp (5 ml) dried basil
1 tsp (5 ml) dried thyme
1 tsp (5 ml) mustard powder
1 tsp (5 ml) salt
1 tsp (5 ml) black pepper

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). Rinse meat and pat dry. Place on rack in large roasting pan.
2. In small bowl, combine garlic, oil, basil, thyme, mustard, salt and pepper. Rub mixture over meat.
3. Roast until thermometer inserted in centre reaches 145 F (60 C) for medium-rare or 160 F (71 C) for medium, 55 to 65 minutes. Transfer to cutting board and let stand for 10 minutes before slicing.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You will be in demand socially today but you must choose carefully among the invitations you receive because you won't have time to grace every event.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You will need to make an effort to be decisive today. With the sun opposing Jupiter a work or family matter you thought had been resolved will come back.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You need to be disciplined today, above and beyond your usual level, but that does not mean you can't enjoy yourself.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Honesty is the best policy by far today. It may be that today's sun-Jupiter link-up will make you a bit too candid for some people's liking.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You need to be practical in everything you do today. That may not sound too exciting but now is not the right time to attempt the impossible.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
It won't be long before your luck begins to turn and you can start on those plans you have largely kept to yourself these past few months.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Some people see doom and gloom in all directions, but you are not like that, not least because from where you stand life looks pretty good.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
If you have made a promise of some kind you will be expected to keep it today. Don't even think about trying to back out of the deal.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Listen carefully to what a friend has to tell you today because there is wisdom in their words. It is up to you whether you act on their advice.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Your devotion to duty has been noted by someone in a position of authority, so don't worry that you might be falling behind in the race for promotion.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Creatively and romantically anything is possible for you now, but a sun-Jupiter aspect means you need to be focused.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You will get a huge amount of work done today, and in a very short time frame. It's good that the weekend is almost here because you will need a rest.

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1. Child made an offer on Ebay (1)
2. Female deer's smelling organ (1)
3. Sluggish Jellystone Park bear (2)
4. Havana-based corned beef sandwich (2)
5. Actress/Playmate McCarthy's 1-cent coins (2)
6. Rules of language at a rival of Cosmo (2)
7. After a halt, going back to accepting without proof (3)

ANSWERS
1. KID BID 2. DOES NOSE 3. LOGY YOGI 4. CUBAN REUBEN
5. JENNYS PENNIES 6. GLAMOUR GRAMMAR 7. RESUMING PRESUMING

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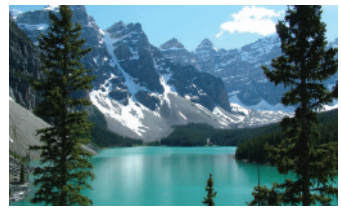

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